GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NAXAL TARGET TO ATTACK ON SEZs
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naxals are planning to attack on the special economic zones and their promoters in the country as reported in the Hindustan Times dated April 21, 2007;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c) : Government of India is not aware of any naxals plans to physically target proposed Special Economic Zones and their promoters in the country, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated April 21, 2007. However, some naxalite groups, including CPI(Maoist), are opposing the setting up of SEZs on the ground that these would be detrimental to the interests of the farmers as the latter stand to lose their agricultural land and would be beneficial only to the big industrial houses and land developers/promoters.

Government views naxal menace as an area of serious concern; therefore, this issue is being addressed both on security and development fronts.